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Mr. Mark S. Zaid
Executive Director
The James Madison Project
1250 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20036

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Dear Mr. Zaid:

The office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator has received your 14 March 2008 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for:

"all course materials past and present, including syllabi, reading materials, examinations, visual aids, and recordings, for the 8-week advanced Counterterrorist Operations Course established by the DCI Counterterrorist Center in or around 1999 as part of the CIA's 'comprehensive operational plan of attack against the Bin Laden/al-Qa'ida target inside and outside Afghanistan' ('The Plan')."

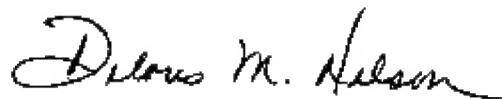
We have assigned your request the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily. We apologize for not responding sooner.

The CIA Information Act of 1984, 50 U.S.C. § 431, as amended, exempts CIA operational files from the search, review, publication and disclosure requirements of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended. To the extent that your request seeks records that are subject to the FOIA, we accept your request and will process it in accordance with the FOIA and the CIA Information Act.

As a matter of administrative discretion, we have waived any fees associated with the processing of your FOIA request.

Despite our best efforts, the large number of FOIA requests CIA receives has created unavoidable processing delays making it unlikely that we can respond within the 20 working days the FOIA requires. You have the right to consider our honest appraisal as a denial of your request and you may appeal to the Agency Release Panel. A more practical approach would permit us to continue processing your request and respond to you as soon as we can. You will retain your appeal rights and, once you receive the results of our search, can appeal at that time if you wish. We will proceed on that basis unless you object.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Delores M. Nelson".

Delores M. Nelson
Information and Privacy Coordinator

